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The KVP Political Officers' School in Berlin-Treptow was subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior and had the designation "KVP Political Officers' School" or KVPD Berlin II. The school was located in the building of the former German Army officers' school in the Treptower Park, Berlin-Treptow.

The following is a list showing the organization and strength of the school:

	Officers	NCOs	EM
Headquarters	50	25	20
Course for propagandists (officers only)	5	1	75
Course for senior political officers (captains and higher-ranking officers)	4	1	50
1st Co (officer trainees serving their second year of training)	6	1	100
2d Co (officer trainees serving their second year of training)	6	1	100
3d Co (officer trainees serving their 1st year of training)	6	1	100
4th Co (officer trainees serving their first year of training)	6	1	100
5th Co (political officers holding the rank of junior lieutenant or lieutenant who came from short-time courses)	6	1	100
6th Co (political officers holding ranks above lieutenant who came from short-time courses)	6	1	100

Organization and strength allegedly corresponded to the T/C. The trainees were assigned to several companies according to rank, their position and future appointment. Prior to the beginning of the new training year, the individual companies still included directors of inner duty who belonged to the cadre personnel and were reassigned.

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3. Officers of the school included Lieutenant Colonel Hinz, school commander; Colonel Schwab, deputy for political affairs, who was a graduate of a Soviet school; Captain Lassner, party secretary; Major Schulz, deputy for supply affairs; Captain Liebezeit, principal instructor for the main subject of party-political activities; Lieutenant Spiess, principal instructor for Marxism; Senior Lieutenant Wolf, principal instructor for the main subject of A tactics; and Senior Lieutenant Horst Mueller, leader of the 3d Co. All instruction officers had to attend a five-year course at the East Berlin Volkshochschule (extension course).
4. The motor transport equipment of the school included 10 H-3-A trucks; three 3-ton trailers; and 6 BMW and EMW sedans.
5. One percent of the trainees belonged to the 1935 class; 20 percent to the 1934 class; 20 percent to the 1933 class; 20 percent to the 1932 class; 10 percent to the 1931 class; and 29 percent to older classes. Eighty-three percent served below three years; 15 percent three to five years; and 2 percent more than five years. Ten percent came from Saxony/Anhalt; 20 percent from Saxony; 25 percent from Thuringia; 20 percent from Mecklenburg; 15 percent from Brandenburg; and 10 percent from Berlin. Eighty percent were adherents of the party doctrines; 10 percent were neutral; and 10 percent were indifferent. The latter were disappointed KVPs nominated by individual KVPDs for training at the officers' school because of their intelligence and political attitude. Morale in general was good as most trainees gladly awaited their commission as officers and the advantages involved.
6. Two Soviet officers wearing KVP uniforms were assigned as advisers to the headquarters.

7. [redacted] training activity was still fairly limited. The first training year was allegedly scheduled to last until August 1954. As early as December 1953, however, the officer candidates serving their first year of training received empty classified-material copybooks for artillery training, armored training, and chemical defense training which subjects were scheduled to be treated during the second year of training.

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[redacted] Comment. Major General Dickel

was known as commander of the school.

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